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                IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                    FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
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     UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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                     Plaintiff,
                                       ) No. 05-60008-2-HO
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                                        ) August 26, 2010
       v.
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     PIROUZ SEDAGHATY, et al.,
                                       ) Eugene, Oregon
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                     Defendants.
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                TRANSCRIPT OF PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS
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              BEFORE THE HONORABLE MICHAEL R. HOGAN
                UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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(Thursday, August 26, 2010; 8:07 a.m.) 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 3 MR. MATASAR: Good morning, Your Honor. MR. WAX: Good morning. 4 All right. Just one preliminary 5 THE COURT: 6 comment. At least the -- on the defendant's exhibits, 7 they've seemed to come in, the list at least, in somewhat piecemeal fashion rather than an amended list 8 each time. And I have not gone through the work of trying to go through and determine which of the exhibits 10 I've already received, and which the government has no 11 objection to that I expect to receive. And do either of 12 13 you folks have someone doing that, doing that sort of detailed bookkeeping on the exhibits? I don't need a 14 15 report on it now but --16 MR. CARDANI: Judge, excuse me. 17 THE COURT: I've just got to decide how to use 18 the resources that I have or whether someone else is going to perform that function before trial or at least 19 20 early in trial. 21 MR. CARDANI: Judge, we have had the same 22 challenge. And Special Agent Anderson has been very 23 good at creating a spreadsheet where she's got all of 24 the exhibits listed out with categories, as I'm reading 25 them on the screen, not admitted --

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MS. ANDERSON: This is the new one.
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    objection, objection basis, and this one.
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             MR. CARDANI: Last week the court asked us to
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    like that, whether we had objections or not, or no
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    objections to the exhibits. We did that.
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             THE COURT: That's the document entitled
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    Exhibits? Yes.
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             MR. CARDANI: It has a big one of these
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. CARDANI: So that's what we've done to try
    to keep track of what's going on here. That's the
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    latest, greatest from our standpoint. In addition to
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             MS. ANDERSON: And we can actually provide the
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    court this document in electronic format so you guys can
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    use it any way you want to and change it and use it for
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    your purposes.
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             THE COURT: Thank you. And have you had
    someone go through this to see if it's inclusive of
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    whether it lists all of your exhibits?
             MR. WAX: Yes, it listed all the exhibits
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there are a few exhibits that we added after that was
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    prepared, I believe.
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             THE COURT: Does Agent Anderson know about
    those? I'm just trying to get a paper to work off of
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    here.
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             MS. ANDERSON: I think, Your Honor, that they
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    were filed after we submitted this, so if I can get a
    copy of the new ones, I can add them and then e-mail
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    them to you.
             MR. WAX: The government has copies of all
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    them. I didn't send them directly to the agent but the
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    government has them all.
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             THE COURT: I'm sure they do, but what I'm
    trying do get is a list right now.
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             MR. WAX: Right, I understand.
             THE COURT: I want to help our court staff out
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    in that regard if I can, to make sure we're all in
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    agreement.
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    matters on the calendar today. One has to do with the
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    402. It seeks exclusion of government exhibits SW-1 and
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    EK-7. I have written material on these exhibits. Do
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, we're prepared to
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submit the matter. I just want to emphasize that what we've done with the exhibits -- you know, there is three videotapes, but two exhibits, is we have tried to come up with a representative sample. I don't know if the court has had an opportunity to actually review the videos, but we think they are important. The two found at Mr. Sedaghaty's home obviously reflect on what was going on at the residence.

The third, the one that's called Kavkaz or

Caucasus Institute video is simply an aid for our expert

witness to provide the jury with some understanding of

what the situation in Chechnya was like.

THE COURT: All right. Any response?

MR. WAX: The summary, as we see it, Your

Honor, is in essence irrelevant to the decision you have

to make. And we've articulated why we believe they are

irrelevant and also inflammatory.

We've provided information from Professor

Keskin, who is of Turkish origin, who has offered his insights as to the materials, one of which is derived in large part from Turkish television.

THE COURT: All right. I haven't watched them yet. I've been working on other things. But I will before trial starts and I'll give you rulings.

I am ready to rule on EK-7. I'll allow the

witness to use that and receive it as demonstrative exhibit only. It won't go to the jury.

Then there are some 404(b) issues. One has to do with Exhibit Number BOA-6. And this is -- well, you know what it is. The one that has "Power Mac" written on it, the check with "Power Mac." I ruled on it before. I've been asked to reconsider that. Is there anything further about that?

MR. CARDANI: No, Your Honor.

MR. WAX: No. Thank you.

THE COURT: I am going to reverse myself on that exhibit and exclude it. The -- it's the -- at least for the government's direct case. It could become admissible on cross depending on what the evidence is at trial.

Now, then there is the matter of the alleged collection of funds for Chechnyan mujahideen during Hajj. And any further comment about that?

MR. GORDER: Your Honor, again, we think this is critical state of mind, and motive, opportunity evidence. The witness is going to basically -- just to give you a flavor of what she would testify about this, is that she went on the Hajj with a group sponsored by al-Haramain, that they were required to deposit, when they entered Saudi Arabia, \$200 to reimburse the Saudi

government for transportation purposes or whatever during the Hajj. Because their travel was arranged and picked up by the al-Haramain organization, they were not required to rely on the Saudi government for anything, so when they left, the Saudi government returned the money to them. And at that point, Mr. Sedaghaty asked them to donate the money to the Chechen mujahideen.

THE COURT: All right. Anything further?

MR. WAX: Yes, Judge. That -- those facts are contested. We do not believe that that occurred. And the jury would then be required to hear testimony on this collateral issue from a number of witnesses. So that is one of the primary points we made, and I want to emphasize this morning.

THE COURT: I'm going to admit that evidence on motive, opportunity, intent, knowledge, and absence of mistake.

The defendant revisits the issues concerning the Al Rajhi -- is that how you say the name of the bank? Al Rajhi Bank records? All right. Anything further on that? The records will be allowed.

Then the defendant has some input about peremptory challenges, objecting to the blind method the government uses, blind strike method, I think that's what the defendant calls it. I've never used the term

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    Anything more on that? All right. I'll use my normal
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    questions by counsel to be true follow-up, and I'll
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    interrupt you if it's not.
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    Exhibit 730. And is there a summary that provides just
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    what Al-Sanad said?
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             MR. GORDER: Yes, Your Honor. If you look at
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    Exhibit 730 proffered by the defense several months ago,
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    so it's in the record, it's a copy of a letter I sent
    them summarizing Sanad's statements. It's an
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    unclassified summary, you know, we're in an open
    session, but just to remind the court, it's one that you
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    approved in one of our CIPA filings 18 months ago.
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             THE COURT: Thank you. I want to look at that
    again. So, Mr. Baker, remind me, would you, please.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, in focusing on it in the
    trial preparation, we identified the issues that we
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    included in the pleading. And we do not believe that it
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    is solely a statement of what was said by Mr. Sanad.
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    we read it, it appears to be a compilation of
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what appears to us to be editorial type comments by the 1 2 drafter. 3 THE COURT: I read your materials. MR. WAX: Thank you. 4 THE COURT: And I understand your argument. 5 All right. 6 7 MR. GORDER: Your Honor, if I could just follow up on that, our position -- we told the defense if they 8 9 wanted to introduce that summary, we would stipulate to it. But we think it's either all or nothing. You can't 10 11 pick and choose. 12 THE COURT: Okay. The defendant has filed a 13 motion for a continuance. Is there anything on that? MR. WAX: Yes, regrettably the computer 14 15 apparently did not pass through the declaration from Jim Strupp and the witness statement. We had provided a 16 17 witness statement to the government independently, but 18 you do not have -- if I understand correctly -- the declaration that was attached. 19 20 We understand, as we have all been preparing and, you know, for trial, that, you know, we're ready to 21 22 go as of next week. What is set out in Mr. Strupp's 23 declaration and summarized briefly in the pleading is 24 the fact that we have been looking for Mr. Sui for the 25 better part of our involvement in the case. And as

Mr. Strupp explains in his declaration, we did not locate him until last week. And when we located him, we located him in China.

Mr. Strupp explains in his declaration that he was able to make contact with Mr. Sui, and has had a number of telephone conversations with him.

THE COURT: Is he in Hong Kong?

MR. WAX: No, he's in Guangzhou, just across from Hong Kong. And what we -- we filed a motion in the alternative for the continuance or to be able to take his testimony via a video hookup.

In his declaration, Mr. Strupp explains that he has been in contact with the State Department and the State Department consulates in Guangzhou and in Hong Kong. He explains further that under the Chinese law and the treatise with the U.S., the steps that would be required to serve him with a subpoena or to take his testimony even by video in mainland China in Guangzhou is three or four months.

We've been advised that if he goes to Hong
Kong, then there are different rules, and that we would
be able to accomplish that to fit the current schedule.

And I apologize that the material did not get through in the filing. We called the office as soon as we learned that. And hopefully it's in the system now

and available to the court.

But that's the essence of the portion of the declaration that covers the efforts that we have made that sets out the due diligence, the failures, and the stroke of luck that finally got us to him.

The witness statement explains the centrality of his testimony, and it's apparent on its face. The government is offering as AHIF exhibits the two documents signed by Mr. Sedaghaty and Mr. Al-But'he. And it's their theory that these are fabrications and have no relation to reality.

The witness statement that we've provided says Mr. Sui confirms that he is one of the signers on the AHIF document. It is his signature. He was present in Ashland. He traveled with Mr. al-But'he. And he explains the efforts that were made to calculate -- how they calculated the 186 and \$188,000 figures. And he also explains that he traveled with Mr. al-But'he when he left the country, and that there were no signs that were visible to him, no forms given out with respect to the CMIR reporting issue.

So his testimony is right at the core of the case. It is absolutely essential. It addresses the critical aspects that the government has put forward. And there is no other witness who will be able to

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address either of those issues. No one else was with
Mr. al-But'he when he traveled, to our knowledge. And
he is an eyewitness to the signing.
        MR. GORDER: Your Honor, we start off with, we
definitely oppose a continuance.
         THE COURT: It's denied.
        MR. GORDER: And so the real question --
         THE COURT: I just said that by itself to allow
a point of incredulity.
        MR. GORDER: Okay. Let me --
        MR. WAX: We understand our obligation to our
client.
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        THE COURT: That's fine. I understand -- I get
that.
        MR. GORDER: Let me just set the record
straight here. These receipts we received from the
al-Haramain organization from Mr. Matasar I believe in
2003 in response to a grand jury subpoena. So I mean
these receipts have been sitting around for seven years.
It's not like these are -- this is a new piece of
evidence. And it came from them. So -- and there is
another person on the receipt. We don't know why they
haven't tracked that person down, a signatory also.
         I've read the witness statement that they've
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contradict that. How critical it is, I'm not sure.
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    the witness, as I understand from reading the report,
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    tremendous insight into what Mr. Seda and Mr. al-But'he
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    a U.S. citizen. He can be subpoenaed and come to court
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    country. We have no objection to that. We had the
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    us a number of months ago.
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             THE COURT: Is he a U.S. citizen?
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             MR. GORDER: He is a U.S. citizen.
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             THE COURT: I'm just asking the defense counsel
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             MR. WAX: He is, Your Honor. And we have
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    explored the potential of a subpoena.
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             THE COURT: Does he have a passport?
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             MR. WAX: I do not know the answer. I assume
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    he does otherwise --
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             THE COURT: How could he be there, right?
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             MR. WAX: Right. But what Mr. Strupp's
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declaration explains is, what we have learned from the
State Department about the steps that need to be gone
through, and the -- as we have heard it from them, the
impossibility of getting him here through the subpoena
process in anything less than three to four months,
that's the rub with the subpoena. It just can't be done
because of the Chinese law, the Chinese/U.S.
requirements. We would love to have him here. That's
why -- you know, obligation to the client, the first
request has to be, continue the case.
         THE COURT: You are saying it takes three or
four months to subpoena someone from Hong Kong?
         MR. WAX: He is not in Hong Kong. He is in
Guangzhou. He is in mainland China.
         THE COURT: But you intend for him to go to
Hong Kong.
         MR. WAX: We can probably get him to Hong Kong
for the video testimony. But in terms of a subpoena to
use any compulsory process, we've been advised it's a
minimum three- to four-month process.
         THE COURT: If you can get him to Hong Kong,
why can't you get him here? I've had lots of Chinese
witnesses before.
         MR. WAX: I cannot subpoena him to get here,
Your Honor. He will voluntarily go to Hong Kong in
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order to provide the testimony. In order to get him here, we would have to get a subpoena, and we cannot subpoena him, as we've had it explained to us through the State Department in anything less than three to four months.

THE COURT: That seems a little circular, frankly, but I need to look at the paper that was filed. Do you have anything more?

MR. GORDER: Your Honor, just our experience with these video depositions from overseas is not good. There is nothing to really impress the witness with the oath. And should this person perjure himself, we are not going to be able to extradite him from China and prosecute him. And it -- I'm not sure there is this impediment. I don't know what conversations Mr. Wax has had with the State Department.

When we got this yesterday, I communicated with our Office of International Affairs. The response I got back was they thought under The Hague Convention there was no impediment to serving the subpoena. And they would check with the State Department, and I just haven't gotten a further response.

It seems to me they could fax a subpoena to the consulate in Guangzhou and have Mr. Sui come there and get served. And I don't think there is any impediment

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to him coming to the United States. We are at least a
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    week away from the defense case.
             THE COURT: Have you checked to see if there is
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    a warrant out for him or anything like that?
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             MR. GORDER: There is no warrant as far as I
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    know. He may have a few issues but there is no warrant.
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             THE COURT: All right. We all have issues.
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    need to read the statement. I haven't yet.
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             MR. WAX: The one additional comment that I'd
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    hear the government in this case saying that they have a
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    problem with video testimony. In our paper we cite one
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    case of many in which the very same Department of
    Justice has repeatedly stood up in court and said --
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             THE COURT: You are -- you are -- I've been at
    this 37 years, Mr. Wax. We had people speaking five
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    languages in the General Paktipatt trial from all over
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             That's all I have on the motions. I have some
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    other thoughts. What other matters do you folks have?
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             MR. WAX: Well, in terms of the motions, I
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    guess it's not clear to us with respect to the exhibits
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    that we had proffered, our understanding from your
    ruling of August 11 was that you were denying the
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government's motion in limine which had been filed previously. What we perceive their filing on the 20th to be, a request for reconsideration. And does your ruling of the 11th stand or are we now dealing with the --

THE COURT: There are many exhibits on the list which I've reviewed for this hearing which are not admissible. All of these news reports, for example, that sort of thing, and there are many that need authentication. And I don't know what that may be. I can't really rule on those until we get there.

There are a number that appear to be the purest form of hearsay. Those won't be admissible. I could go through each of them right now. Those that the government has no objection to, I'm ready to receive. As far as that goes, I'll probably just do that by minute order. So, you know, if you want to go through them one by one, we can.

MR. CARDANI: Judge, if I might be heard on that. That would be helpful for opening statement, because neither side wants to be showing the jury exhibits which have not been received or be in the position of having to object to the other side doing that. So giving a hard look at opening statements and anticipating the defense opening, if they are bringing

stuff up that we have objected to as hearsay, we've got to object to that. So it would be helpful if the court -- and we are prepared to go over -- we filed this here, which serves as the basis for the objections, but we're prepared to defend our objections today if the court wants and also to get some guidance.

In the court's order of a couple of weeks ago addressing the motions in limine, the court said things like, you denied their motion in limine on certain exhibits, but the next step of the government's evidence on this as admitted wasn't there, and we just need -- just to make sure that we're solid -- an understanding of those exhibits that actually should be received and usable for opening.

THE COURT: I want to do that last. What else do we have?

MR. CARDANI: I have a number of things on my agenda. If I could pass this up to the court through the courtesy of the clerk. I've given this to the defense. This is a chart of a very pared down version of a chart that we would like the jury to be able to see, especially during the government's case in chief, which identifies some of the players here with nothing overly inflammatory in terms of their description. But the court knows from looking at the exhibits, stuff is

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confusing. And I think this would be helpful.
    not being offered as an exhibit, only as a demonstrative
    aid to the jury.
             MR. WAX: We strenuously object, Your Honor.
    It is highly prejudicial. Khattab is completely
    irrelevant. There will be testimony about him, over
    objection. To put his photograph in front of the jury
    at the outset injects a person into this case who has
    zero bearing on it.
             To put in a picture of a shadow, you know, the
    Al Shoumar, you know, the suggestion of this shadowy
    figure back in Saudi Arabia, again highly inflammatory
    and prejudicial.
             Mr. Abdul Qaadir will be testifying.
             There will be photographs of Mr. al-But'he.
    The government has one. And at some point they can
    introduce it. We have a photograph of Mr. al-But'he.
             Mr. Sedaghaty is present in the courtroom.
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    think this is just completely out of bounds.
             MR. CARDANI: I have nothing more to add.
             THE COURT: All right. The -- what I'm going
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    to have you do, if you want to use this even for
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             MR. CARDANI: Next, jury instructions.
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premature, but Mr. -- counsel has submitted a number of jury instructions which we have some serious consternation about as requiring us to prove too much. So we need to be heard on that, but if it's going to make its way into the defense's opening, then we really need to be heard on that earlier than usual. Mischaracterization on the materiality requirements of the government. The government has submitted the law in its proposed jury instructions on materiality. The elements of the tax offense, whether the government has to prove that Mr. Sedaghaty actually knew this line, this line was false, we disagree with that. We disagree with their request that you instruct the jury that we have to prove both of the

We disagree with their request that you instruct the jury that we have to prove both of the objects of the conspiracy to find him guilty. That's, I believe, wrong.

We can be heard about this during trial as things go, but, again, I'm worried about opening statements.

THE COURT: Just generally, I had to look to see if we had draft instructions yet. We don't. But I will as closely as possible follow the Ninth Circuit's form instructions. And Judge Brown has committee

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    early in the trial. And then we will meet at a --
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             MR. CARDANI: Yes. Judge, on that, with
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    flagged a while back some instructions coming out of the
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    instructions, I explained what that is. But when the
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    court does look at that draft instruction, I think it
    needs to give us an opportunity to better explain that.
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             THE COURT: We will take a close look at it.
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    haven't, frankly, looked at that. I want to get us off
    to a start then. And I want to know what the elements
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    are and then we'll go.
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             MR. CARDANI: Of course. Judge, the next issue
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some progress in stipulations. That's good, for both sides. We appreciate that, and that will cut down the number of witnesses on the government's side to probably no more than a dozen in the case in chief. So we are making some progress in trying to streamline the trial.

An odd issue, we talked a while back about placement, where each side sits during trial, and I want to revisit that because we've given some thought and discussion on that. I think it's a bad idea to have the defendant so close to the jury in this case. And we talked about this beforehand, about where everybody sits, and it seems kind of silly, but I prefer not to have the defendant on top of me, with all of my papers, not close to the jury. So we were in the courtroom yesterday, and we would be proposing that we sit here, and having our ALS computer specialist Ms. Cooke right here. She can work her magic from here. And then we can sit accordingly. And there'd be plenty of room for the defense to command both sides of the table. the defendant wants to face the jury, he can be on the wraparound here. So, again, just propose that as an idea to the court.

THE COURT: Do you wish to be heard on that?

MR. WAX: We had gone over this in July, and think that the agreement then should stand.

THE COURT: I'll let you know. 1 2 MR. WAX: Excuse me, Judge, can you let us 3 know, please, before Sunday? We've arranged with the 4 marshal to get into the courtroom Sunday afternoon to 5 hook computers up. THE COURT: I will. 6 7 MR. WAX: Thank you. 8 MR. CARDANI: There are a couple of things that 9 the defense is proposing to get into that should be brought up and discussed now so that we avoid issues at 10 11 trial having to have the jury excused. 12 As I understand Mr. -- the defendant is 13 seeking to call FBI witnesses Dave Carroll and Joe Boyer to talk about interviews that they had with 14 15 Mr. Sedaghaty or conversations they had with him in the early stages of this case and post 9/11. 16 17 It raises some potentially provocative issues, 18 because if the point is that -- that they are trying to 19 make is that the defendant has been cooperative with law 20 enforcement, and why would he talk to the FBI if he was trying to hide something, as the government suggests, it 21 22 opens the door to what's a fair response to that? 23 Because that's not the whole picture. 24 And the whole picture is when we did finally 25 learn about the Chechnyan transaction, and Special Agent

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Anderson was on the case, she sent a letter, which I have here, in November of '03 to Mr. Matasar -- to Mr. Sedaghaty in care of his lawyer. I am paraphrasing. I'm investigating criminal violations of Internal Revenue laws, including the Form 990 for the year 2000, which is one of the charges here. In connection with my investigation, I would like to ask you questions regarding the filing of the forms you filed on behalf of al-Haramain. If you are willing to be interviewed, please contact me at the above address or phone number so I may schedule an appointment. And that was sent out and received. In response to that, Mr. Matasar essentially said, you are not going to be able to interview Mr. Sedaghaty. So we were deprived of that opportunity to ask him the questions we wanted. We, of course, are not going to bring this up in our case in chief. But if they bring in these witnesses and in any way, shape, or form, in opening statement, or through the witnesses try to make this point, then the cases suggest that there may be a door opening here, that we get a fair response to lay the whole picture out. THE COURT: What are your intentions? MR. WAX: Our intentions are to ask Agent Boyer about the one conversation he had with Mr. Sedaghaty in

September of 2001 in the very month when the tax return was being prepared, and to elicit from him the portion of the conversation that involved the Springfield property and the value of the Springfield property.

With respect to Agent Carroll, I do not recall at this moment how many times they spoke between September 16, 17, whatever the first day was, and October 16th, the day on which Mr. Seda signed and sent in the tax return. Could have been seven or eight. And we believe that that is directly relevant to the suggestion that he was engaged in a conspiracy. This is the alleged culmination of the conspiracy and Mr. Sedaghaty's openness with Mr. Carroll at that time bears directly on his state of mind.

Subsequent to the signing of the return from the end of October through into 2002, there were a number of other communications between Mr. Seda and Mr. Carroll that we would intend to bring out to show that he was, you know, continuing to initiate some conversations with Mr. Carroll, responding to communications from Mr. Carroll, and that they discussed a number of things, including Mr. Seda's safety, including safety of his family, including theft from one of his bank accounts. He signed a consent for the government to have access to bank accounts in October of

2001. And that, we think, is all relevant and does not in any way open the door to actions that occurred well over a year later after counsel came into the case.

THE COURT: All right. Well, cut a wide swath.

Don't invite that then. Cut a wide swath around what

Mr. Cardani is talking about or you could invite that

response. All right.

MR. CARDANI: Another exhibit, the defense has identified 699-B, as in boy, as a proposed exhibit, and with reference to the defense's letter to Enaam Arnaout, who was head of an organization, an Islamic charity called BIF, Benevolence International Foundation, in Chicago. This was when the money was in Ashland but before it left the United States.

Mr. Sedaghaty sent several letters or at least in the computers appears to have sent several letters to other organizations that were involved in moving money and other items into Chechnya. Obviously the point here is that he's looking to get other aid organizations involved, defeating the intent aspect of the government's case.

The court should be advised that Mr. Arnaout was later indicted and pled guilty in Chicago to defrauding his donors. And I believe -- I'd have to get the details on this, but I believe it was for providing

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providing material support in some form of fraud to the
donors. So that raises the possibility of does the
government get to respond if this exhibit comes in under
a discussion about Mr. Arnaout, the fact that he later
said -- supported the mujahideen. It's obviously a
sensitive issue. And I wanted to flag it for the court.
         MR. WAX: Judge, what you will see, what the
jury will hear, is that starting in late December of
'99, even before Dr. El-Fiki's donation had materialized
in any way in Saudi Arabia and long before Mr. Seda had
any awareness of it, he was making efforts to gather
money and to try to take a caravan of humanitarian aid
into Chechnya.
         THE COURT: On that document, how are you going
to get around hearsay, if you intend to offer it?
         MR. WAX: Well, I am very troubled by that
question, Your Honor.
         THE COURT: Okay. What is your answer?
         MR. WAX: Well, from -- in what the government
alleges is the period of the formation of the
conspiracy, they are arguing that the statements by
Mr. Seda -- in fact the statements by Abdul Qaadir that
Mr. Seda may never have received or may never have read
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    Mr. al-But'he, with Mr. Arnaout, with Anwar Khan, with
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    Doctors Without Borders to get money to Chechnya. That
    is, as we see it, directly relevant on the core issue of
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    the case. It is not hearsay. It is the state of mind,
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    whether or not offered for the truth. You've indicated
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             THE COURT: That's your answer. Been waiting
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             MR. WAX: Yes. We're offering to show that
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    those items are on the computer and to argue that that
    is his state of mind and --
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             THE COURT: Okay.
             MR. WAX: -- it is a mirror image of the entire
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    government's case with respect to material. And here is
    why I pointed out, you know, your words, the goose and
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    gander theory here. I mean, I don't see how you can
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    allow them to put in Abdul Qaadir ListServ things, which
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    he may never even have seen, and then say that items
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THE COURT: Well, I just asked the question.

MR. WAX: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

MR. CARDANI: Judge, there are a number of things in the computer that are probably coming in for contrary state of mind, letters to OFAC, and letters to senators, and things of the like. You know, some of that we understand is part of the whole flavor of the case, but to go -- we're really worried about self-serving hearsay and our inability to cross-examine witnesses. We don't have to cross-examine a senator or OFAC or anything like that, so we've been trying to work with them in coming to reasonable agreements that some of this stuff is fair game. But when you are talking about a convicted felon, who in Chechnya, that's somebody we want to talk to if they are going to get into it, or at least raise the issue that this fella had some problems with the government moving support into Chechnya. So that's part of the wheat and chaff that we're trying to deal with on this.

And in looking at a lot of the stuff that they're trying to get in, our admissions, and we're allowed to get it into the Federal Rules of Evidence, properly authenticated, it doesn't necessarily automatically work both ways. The court knows that.

And so for some of these more sensitive ones, we just

1 want a witness. 2 The next issue Mr. Gorder is to address 3 involving a new defense expert. 4 MR. GORDER: Yes, Your Honor, last week we 5 received a résumé of a Dr. David Long, who apparently 6 the defense intends to call, and just this week received a report from him. We didn't have an opportunity to 7 file a Daubert motion about this. But I think that -- I 8 mean, the short version, Mr. Long is proffered as an expert on Saudi Arabia. And at least according to his 10 report, he's going to opine on the legitimacy of 11 12 Mr. El-Fiki's intent in donating this money and the 13 legitimacy of how al-Haramain handled the money. And that it could have not been diverted to the mujahideen. 14 15 And I don't think that is proper expert testimony in this case. 16 17 So we wanted to flag that for the court that 18 before Dr. Long testifies or before his testimony is 19 referred to in opening statement, we want an opportunity 20 to have some kind of a hearing outside the presence of the jury as to the proper scope of his testimony. 21 22 THE COURT: Do I have the statement? Do I have 23

the witness statement, the report?

MR. WAX: I don't believe so, Your Honor. Wе can get that to you today. He was on our list and

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    months ago as well.
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             THE COURT: Has Mr. Gorder accurately reported
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             MR. WAX: Yes, he is accurately reporting what
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             THE COURT: I'm leaving the office at noon for
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    a charity event in Eastern Oregon. I need to get it.
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             MR. WAX: (Nodding head.)
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             THE COURT: Thank you.
             MR. CARDANI: Scheduling, Judge, we are
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    prepared to work as long and as hard as the court
    does -- intends to hold court.
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             For scheduling, we start Monday morning with
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    jury selection. I anticipate, having been here before,
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             THE COURT: Yes.
             MR. CARDANI: If we're lucky, maybe even a
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             THE COURT: Yes. I am -- the only thing that
    puzzles me is how you are going to make 12 witnesses
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    last that long.
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             MR. CARDANI: Well, I'd ask a little reprieve
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    from the court. We've condensed the number of witnesses
    and working hard, there is a little bit of testimony
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    that other witnesses are going to have to pick up on the
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    slack. So please indulge us. We've got you down to
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    about 12. We'll try to be concise. And I'm just saying
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    Friday, and we've notified Mr. Wax of this, and they
    need to have witnesses here, but I think we'll be doing
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             THE COURT: All right. Well, we'll see how we
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    do. Usually we move a little quicker, Mr. Cardani, as
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             MR. CARDANI: I'm well aware of that, Judge,
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    during opening. We were in here working with the
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    logistics with the court yesterday. We talked about
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    using this screen and a podium.
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some help from the court in telling us, just to make sure that our exhibits have been received so that I can show them to the jury during opening. THE COURT: All right. We have an amended exhibit list MR. CARDANI: and a few exhibits for the court and counsel. Rajhi Bank records have been given to everybody in unison. We have gone through them and excerpted just the ones that are pertinent to this case and taking off all the correspondence and such. Those are ALR-1 and ALR-1A, and we'll tender those to the court and counsel here. The SW-69 and ALR-2 and 2A, more Al Rajhi Bank records. So I will give those to the court now. We'll file this electronically after this hearing as well. Judge, I have a couple of other matters, if I might. THE COURT: Go ahead. Witness exclusion, we talked MR. CARDANI: about invoking the rule. We are going to need Special Agent Anderson, who is going to be a witness, we're going to need her present for the case. I understand that Mr. Wax intends on having some investigators, Mr. Teesdale and Mr. Strupp, as the

same. And we don't object to having them throughout the

trial as necessary witnesses.

However, they've identified a few other people that they want to have present in the courtroom for some of the government's witnesses, who, as I understand, will then testify in the defendant's case, and use as part of their background watching the testimony of certain government witnesses. And I'd just like to know -- we've had some discussions with Mr. Wax about this, there are an awful lot of experts on the list, and I don't know what his intentions are in terms of how many of them he plans on trying to have excluded from the witness exclusion rule and present in the courtroom before they testify.

MR. MATASAR: I can do this, Your Honor. We have -- just as Mr. Cardani is aware -- a tax case, the government will typically have a tax expert report when the defense puts on their case. Similarly, we would like to have the expert witnesses either present in the courtroom or be able to read transcripts. The people are Marcus Owens, the D.C. lawyer who was head of the IRS charitable tax division; a woman named Cathy Matthews, who is an expert accountant; and also perhaps an auditor named Jeff Cone.

They are experts. The general rule 615(3), which provides for exclusion of witnesses, allows the court to exempt it for experts. The cases seem to say

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their testimony is going to be based on what the other
side says. So we'd simply ask the court's permission
under 615(3) to allow those three accounting experts
either to be present in the courtroom, or if logistics
makes that impossible, to be able to read a transcript
or be briefed about what the government witnesses say
about the accounting.
         THE COURT: Mr. Cardani.
         MR. CARDANI: The court does have discretion,
and Mr. Matasar sent me some cases. The problem with it
is is it's one thing to say they're physically present
and then present testimony. But if the testimony then
gets into a direct critique of our witness's testimony,
I think that's going beyond --
         THE COURT: I'll just interrupt. You can have
them present. I don't allow witnesses to comment on
other witness's testimony --
         MR. MATASAR: Sure.
         THE COURT: -- on any subject.
         MR. MATASAR: Sure.
         MR. GORDER: Your Honor, just to make clear,
although he's a defense witness, I think there is no
objection to Agent Carroll being in the courtroom.
        MR. WAX: There is not.
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             THE COURT: All right. You haven't lost your
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    sense of humor yet. It could happen.
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             MR. MATASAR: I don't think so in this case,
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    doesn't go, even for Mr. Carroll.
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             MR. CARDANI: Judge, my long list is just about
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    done.
             THE COURT: Yeah.
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             MR. CARDANI: Susan Cooke is in the courtroom
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    this electronic stuff. I would like her to meet with
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    the court representatives and talk about the logistics
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             THE COURT: Fine.
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             MR. CARDANI: But other than just getting
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    quidance from the court on the admissibility of
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    exhibits, we have nothing else at this time.
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             THE COURT: How about you fellas?
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             MR. WAX: In terms of scheduling, based on the
    conversation we had when we were last in court, we have
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    a number of witnesses we're bringing in for Friday, and
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    we will be prepared to commence testimony, assuming that
    the government does rest on Friday, if that is still the
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THE COURT: All right.

MR. WAX: The following week, as we've noted before, includes both Rosh Hashanah and Eid. And in terms of the -- you know, counsel and the defendant, we're prepared to move forward in terms of, you know, when Eid actually falls and where the trial is at. We would like the opportunity to bring to the court's attention if there is an obligation that Mr. Seda would like to fulfill on that particular day.

THE COURT: That's fine, but not in front of the jury.

MR. WAX: Understood.

THE COURT: Give me a schedule.

MR. WAX: Yes, sir. The other issue with respect to that, Your Honor, would be in the jury selection process. We do not want to be in a position in which we have jurors potentially, if there are any in the venire, who are either Muslim or Jewish for whom the holidays are a significant issue, to be excluded because the trial is otherwise scheduled to go forward. We think that that could raise some issues with respect to the fairness. I don't know what the venire is likely to look like, if that will become an issue, but I think it is something that the court should address in your questioning. And depending on the response, I think we

might need to take up a scheduling issue if there are any people who say, yes, I can serve but --

THE COURT: I'm not going to use the questions -- I read your voir dire this morning. And I'm not going to use the questions you have, but I'll raise the issue, of course.

MR. WAX: Thank you. In terms of the trial presentation, you've met Mr. Casey during the Daubert hearing. He's the lawyer from Reed Smith who has been volunteering with the office. He has continued to volunteer with the office. He will be here in court part of the time. I've worked out with the Administrative Office that he can continue to work with us on a volunteer basis and get the insurance coverage, to the extent that there is any, that I have and that the other lawyers in the office have.

We would like him to be able to be sworn in pro hoc vice to this court and to handle the testimony of Evan Kohlmann. He had been working on that in the spring, given the reasons why the trial was put over from June. And the additional work that I've taken on in terms of the original split that Mr. Matasar and I have had, he's been working on the Kohlmann piece. He is a highly skilled lawyer. And hope that that would be all right with the court.

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THE COURT: Any objection?
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             MR. GORDER: As long as he's an active member
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    of the bar somewhere, no.
             THE COURT: Sure.
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             MR. WAX: Thank you. I just want to be sure I
    understand correctly since our Susan Cooke equivalent,
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    Ms. Wells, who you met before is not here today. In the
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    are able to control the publication of exhibits to the
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX: -- by the court.
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             THE COURT: I've just been corrected. So we'll
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    let you publish, but you make sure an exhibit is
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             MR. WAX: We just want to know what the options
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    are and what the government's intention is so that we're
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    all on the same page with us.
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             MR. CARDANI: This is that very issue that I
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    thought that it would be helpful talking privately,
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    because she's had a lot of experience in Portland and
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    here that addresses that subject. I don't know if
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             THE COURT: Well, all I want you to do is
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    instruct your folks to not just put it up because you've
    referred to it. You make sure it's received.
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             MR. WAX: Great. Thank you.
             THE COURT: Thank you. I don't have a button
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             MR. WAX: Starting time Monday morning, Your
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             THE COURT: 9 o'clock.
             MR. WAX: 9 o'clock.
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             THE COURT: We'll work generally 9:00 to 5:00.
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    with normal breaks. I am very disinclined to take any
    lengthy break during the trial except during noon hour
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    something coming up, give me some advance notice because
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    I'm not going to let the jury sit and cool their heels.
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             MR. MATASAR: Your Honor, will there be a break
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    between the government's opening and the defense
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THE COURT: I don't know. It depends how the
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    time goes. If you need to set something up, I'll sure
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             MR. MATASAR: Five minutes or something like
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    that.
             THE COURT: Of course, of course, yeah.
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             MR. WAX: With respect to the use of the big
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    screen TV, when that is on, are the monitors off?
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             THE COURT: No, I don't think so.
             MR. WAX: They remain on?
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             THE COURT: They're all on, aren't they,
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             THE CLERK: I'm going to have to work with our
    system and IT staff. I believe we can turn the monitors
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    off, but I can't make you any guarantees on that.
             MR. GORDER: When we did the testing yesterday,
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    we tried both ways, and we decided that it would be best
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    to have the monitors on because in the back row, it may
    be difficult for some of the jurors to read.
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             THE COURT: Well, that's your choice. You may
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    want to -- somebody may want to show the jury an exhibit
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    you don't want them to read too closely.
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             MR. MATASAR: There is one other thing, Your
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    that we're going to do is cross-examine the accountant,
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paper? We didn't want to admit the hundreds and
hundreds and hundreds of pages of work papers as an
exhibit. However, I think it might -- I don't think
there is any question that anything that's in his work
paper could be an exhibit.
         So what I think we might be able to do to save
the time of asking each witness to identify each
specific -- asking the witness to identify each piece of
paper, that I think we should we able to, as I show it
to him, avoid that, and admit it at the end so that we
can just ask him, I'm showing you FPDUS-42315, do you
see that? Did you write this here? Did you write that
there? As opposed to, I'm showing you a document. Can
you tell me what that is? It's 42315. Yes. Is that
your work paper? Yes. Is that something that you
consulted in preparing the tax returns here? Yes.
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that something you consulted in looking at Government's
Exhibit IRS Number 1? Yes.
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         THE COURT: What's the volume of this material?
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MR. MATASAR: The volume of his work papers,
I'm guessing, 800 pages. One of them is -- I'm guessing
800 pages. The number ones I'm going to ask him about,

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maybe 30 or 40 or 50, something like that.
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             THE COURT: Does the government have a position
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    on this?
             MR. CARDANI: I'm sorry, what is it that you
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    are asking to do?
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             THE COURT: What he's asking is just to be able
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    to refer to the work papers without going through the
    evidentiary rigamarole and then the ones he refers to,
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             MR. MATASAR: Yeah.
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             MR. CARDANI: Yeah, and I think if -- if I'm
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    understanding this correctly, if you give us some
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    notice, Mr. Wilcox some notice about which ones so that
    he has them at his fingertips, it is a large file.
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             MR. MATASAR: I understand. Mr. Cardani has
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    talked about this before. And I have indicated that
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    much as I want to assist him, I don't want to give him
    my cross-examination of his witness ahead of time.
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             MR. CARDANI: I don't care. If this is going
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    to go -- it could go very slowly is what I'm saying
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    because it is a large file, and he's going to want to
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    look in his file and see where it is.
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             MR. MATASAR: Well, we have given him -- we
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    have given to Ms. Anderson the list of his file
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So he's aware of what things are where. I don't think
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    that should be a problem. We'll do the best we can.
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    by my staff, the witnesses that will be testifying that
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    half day, you give half day notice of the exhibits you
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    are going to refer to, including these work papers, and
    that's so that we can have them available.
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             MR. MATASAR: Okay. Thank you. Will we
    know -- that's another matter. I'm not sure how the
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    court or the government will do it. Will they tell us
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    the order of their witnesses?
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             THE COURT: They are going to give us that
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             MR. MATASAR: Okay. Great. So we'll know who
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    is going when.
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             MR. CARDANI: Certainly the list of the
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    witnesses is not a problem, but the list of the exhibits
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    as well that we anticipate using?
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             THE COURT: Yes. Because I want to have them
    ready to sit them all in a group on the witness stand
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    when the witness takes the stand.
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             MR. CARDANI: Ours will all be electronic. I
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    doubt that there will be hardly any, but we'll do our
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MR. MATASAR: And so if it's going to be -- you
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    are mostly concerned about the paper, is what you are
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    saying?
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             THE COURT: That's right.
             MR. MATASAR: So any paper exhibits, we'll deal
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    with that, I promise.
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             THE COURT: Yeah. I don't want to have to dig
    for a paper exhibit while everybody is sitting in here.
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    It's boring enough.
             MR. WAX: We have everything scanned in as
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    well, Your Honor. And if the technology works, it will
    be a virtual trial in that sense.
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             MR. MATASAR: We do have backup. As the court
    made clear last time, if the technology breaks down, the
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    trial does not stop.
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             THE COURT: That's true. We had a break
    before.
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             MR. MATASAR: So we're ready for paper.
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             THE COURT: All right. Anything else besides
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    the exhibits?
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             MR. WAX: No, I think that we're back to --
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             THE COURT: Okay. What I have in front of me
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    right now are -- well, do we have a minute order from
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    the last hearing about exhibits? Did we do a minute
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    order to show that certain exhibits were received?
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Mr. Cardani says I overruled objections, but didn't say
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    the exhibit was received. I wonder if we have that sort
    of record.
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             MR. CARDANI: CR 407, if it helps, was the
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    court's ruling on that, page 13 through 16. And you
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    also did some work in CR 404 on the AHIF exhibits, which
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    speak to the admissibility of some of the exhibits.
             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, as you are looking at the
    exhibits, in terms of the foundation and authentication
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    issues, keep in mind, please, that the government has
    Mr. Gartenstein-Ross on its list and there are a number
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    of items that will be identifiable and admissible
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    through him. We have Mr. --
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             THE COURT: All you need to do is tell me who.
    All right? It could be someone on the government's
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    list, your list, I don't care about that.
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             MR. WAX: Thank you.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             THE COURT: Counsel, we did have a record of
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    proceedings on July 27, but it was a limited number of
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    exhibits. They were the AHIF exhibits that there were
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    objections to.
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             First, I -- just because it's in front of me
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    first, I have the defendant's -- I'm working off of the
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government's response to the defendant's trial exhibits.
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    Do the defendants want to tell me what their
    authentication and whether -- and how they are going to
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    get around hearsay on 601 through 603.
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             MR. WAX: 602, Patricia Florin typed it. 602,
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    602A are either prepared by Rob Brown or he will be able
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    to identify them as something that he -- they are very
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    similar to items that he prepared. And 601, I believe
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    that either Mr. Brown or Mr. Rodgers will be able to
    identify.
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             THE COURT: 602B and C, and 603.
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             MR. WAX: Again, Rob Brown and Dave Rodgers for
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    602B and C. And 603, I believe, Mr. Rodgers as well.
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             THE COURT: What does 603 say?
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             MR. WAX: It's a statement -- general statement
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    of purpose. It goes on for a page or so.
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             THE COURT: We'll look for it here.
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             MR. WAX: The Qur'an Foundation is a nonprofit
    foundation.
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             THE COURT: I have it here. That's all right.
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    Who was it to? It says to whom it may concern. Is that
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    me?
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             MR. WAX: Entire world.
             THE COURT: Did Mr. Brown write it?
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             MR. WAX: No, he did not draft it.
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THE COURT: Do you know who wrote it? 1 2 MR. WAX: Well, Mr. Sedaghaty certainly is one 3 of the primary authors. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Brown were 4 both working there at the time. And you have their signatures -- or Mr. Rodgers' signature, at least, is on 5 either 602B or 602C. 6 7 THE COURT: 601 and the 602 exhibits are received but not for their truth. 8 9 603 is not received. 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 10 11 614A are received. 12 Now, do you have anything to say about 628 13 through 633? MR. WAX: Your Honor, it actually would go 628 14 15 through 642 are really all of apiece. The government's position is -- and we anticipate that there will be 16 17 testimony from Mr. Gartenstein-Ross that Mr. Seda's 18 views are outside the mainstream, that what he is looking at in terms of Chechnya, his view on that, is 19 20 extreme, and these articles are intended to demonstrate 21 that his views with respect to Chechnya were right in 22 the mainstream of thought at the time. 23 MR. GORDER: Your Honor, our objection to these 24 documents, and it's a long series of them, they are 25 basically newspaper articles or other documents authored

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by other people. They are not in the al-Haramain
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    computers. There is no evidence that Mr. Sedaghaty ever
    saw them. And they just contain inadmissible hearsay.
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             THE COURT: Well, that's true on many of them,
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    but there are a couple of them where it says they were
    in the computers, 634, 637, 641. I did -- I've read
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    this list of four this morning, so.
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             MR. GORDER: Correct, Your Honor. And those,
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    what has happened is it's part of a thing in the
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    computer but not the complete thing.
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             THE COURT: All right.
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             MR. GORDER: For example, it might be Mr. Seda
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    mailing the things to somebody but --
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             THE COURT: Okay.
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             MR. GORDER: So if it comes in, we want the
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    whole thing to come in.
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             THE COURT: Exhibits 630 through 641 are not
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    received. Those which are in the computers, if you want
    to do a sub exhibit under that number with the entire
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    document, I'll reconsider it on those.
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             MR. WAX: Do I assume correctly, however, that
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    I will be able to question both Mr. Kohlmann and Colonel
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    Lang about the issue? And the government is saying --
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             THE COURT: About the issue, but not about what
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    some reporter said about it.
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             MR. WAX: Thank you.
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             THE COURT: I've met a few reporters. So have
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    you. Okay.
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             MR. MATASAR: I think we can all agree on that,
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    Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Now, 642 through 665, any comment
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    about those?
             MR. WAX: Yeah. The United Nations Resolution,
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    April of 2000, it's in the very same time frame.
    believe that it is critical for the jury to have
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    testimony that is an independent, objective view of the
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    fact of what was happening in Chechnya. Perhaps the
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    State Department report, the U.N. report, and the GAO
    report, and, again, it's something that both
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    Mr. Kohlmann and Colonel Lang will be testifying about.
             THE COURT: Well, experts can rely on things
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    that are not themselves admissible, as we all know.
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    This sounds more like that sort of thing to me, doesn't
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    it?
             MR. WAX: Well, Judge, yes, but the government
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    is apparently going to be able to present things that
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    Mr. Kohlmann has pulled off the Internet about the
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    Kavkaz Institute which have no bearing on Mr. Seda. He
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    never saw it, et cetera, et cetera. And I think that
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    there -- it should be handled in an equal way.
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    Either --
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             THE COURT: Getting ready to quote me again?
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             MR. WAX: I love to do that, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: But that doesn't make this blanket
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    admission appropriate. If you have a witness that
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    actually relied on some of these things, then so be it.
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    They've got to do that for that to happen.
             At this time 642 through 665 are not received.
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             The following exhibits are received: 668, 669,
    670, 671, 672, 673, 673A, 673B, 674, 676, 677.
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             Now, 678, this is the 302 of the El-Fiki
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    interview. Do you wish to be heard on that?
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             MR. CARDANI: We've argued it previously, Your
          It is prepared by the government, taken by the
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    government. We have both attempted to get Mr. El-Fiki
    here. I don't believe there is any argument about the
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    content. And we believe the jury should be able to hear
    as much as it can about what Dr. El-Fiki was doing and
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    what he had to say.
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             THE COURT: 678 is not received. 679 is
    received. 680 --
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             MR. WAX: Mr. Abdul Qaadir prepared 680A and
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    680 is on the same subject.
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             THE COURT: My book has a number 680 through
    684 and there is nothing here. It says reserved, the
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    page says reserved.
             MR. WAX: The court should have received the
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    updated notebooks last week.
             THE COURT: This particular version has some of
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    these. The updated books are still missing some
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    documents. I don't know if you have -- who is doing
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    that for you. You may want to have somebody go through
    them.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. WAX: Do you have them in the book in front
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    of you now, Your Honor?
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             THE COURT: I have some of them at least. Let
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    me see.
             MR. CARDANI: Judge, I'm told that there have
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    not been rulings on things that you've already gone
    past, 602.
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             MS. ANDERSON: A, B, and C.
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             MR. CARDANI: A, B, and C.
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             THE COURT: I said those were received but not
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    for their truth.
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             MR. CARDANI: Okay. And was 628 and 29, were
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    there rulings? We're updating our spreadsheet as we go.
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             THE COURT: Thank you. They were not received.
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             MR. CARDANI: 641 was not received as I
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    understand it. Not received?
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THE COURT: 641 was not received. 1 2 MR. CARDANI: Okay. Thank you. 3 THE COURT: What is your foundation for 680? MR. WAX: It's recovered from the Ashland 4 5 building, is the foundation that I have at this time. do not know at this moment whether Mr. Abdul Qaadir will 6 7 be able to testify to that. 8 THE COURT: The government's note says not in 9 computers. MR. WAX: It is one of the series of documents 10 11 that were found in hard copy in the -- or were turned 12 over in response to the subpoena, so they were at the 13 al-Haramain building and provided to the government from 14 there. 15 MR. WAX: Excuse me, Your Honor, Mr. Anwar Khan, I believe, will be the person authenticating this. 16 17 The -- one of our witnesses is from the Islamic Center 18 of San Diego. I believe that this is prepared by Mr. Kahn's organization. 19 20 THE COURT: What is he going to testify about? 21 MR. WAX: He was contacted by Mr. Seda. He's 22 going to testify about his trip to Chechnya, his 23 observations there, his communication with al-Haramain 24 Ashland about Chechnya. And he will also testify about 25 the works of his organization with respect to Kosovo,

1 the humanitarian work. As you recall, the government is 2 offering a \$2,000 check written on the Arborist account that was sent to Kosovo in either April or May of 1999, 3 same time frame as 680 and 680A. The government's 4 theory is this is for mujahideen. And we have the proof 5 through Mr. Kahn about the humanitarian work. 6 7 Mr. Abdul Qaadir about the humanitarian work 8 specifically about al-Haramain. 9 THE COURT: Who is going to authenticate 681? Actually, there is no objection. 10 11 682, what's the source of that? 12 MR. WAX: 682, Mr. Kahn's organization. 13 series -- the IRW, Islamic Reliefs, are items that are 14 sent out on a ListServ by Mr. Kahn. The government's 15 position is that Mr. Sedaghaty should be found culpable in part because he receives information through the 16 17 Sheeshaan ListServ. There were a whole host of 18 ListServs to which he subscribed. All of these e-mails from Islamic Relief are coming in in the critical time 19 20 frame when, under the government's theory, the 21 conspiracy was organized, and they go directly to his 22 state of mind at that time in the exact same way, under 23 the government's theory, that the Sheeshaan e-mails do. 24 MR. GORDER: Your Honor, with regard to the 25 ones we're looking at right now, 680 and, I guess, on

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680A, I ask that you reserve on that. I think we want
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    to talk to Mr. Kahn before these exhibits are admitted.
             THE COURT: 681 is received.
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             For the other documents in 680 through 684,
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    they may very well be admissible, not for their truth,
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    but I'm going to wait for the witness, so they are under
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    advisement.
             685 and 685A are received.
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             686, with regard to 686 through 686C, are those
    the complete computer files?
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             MR. WAX: To my knowledge, they are, Your
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    Honor, I mean, in the sense of this is what was
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    recovered.
             THE COURT: Yes. But it's not an attachment?
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    They aren't just like an attachment of another e-mail
    message or something like that? In other words, I think
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    the government is right that if you are going to put it
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    in, you have to put the whole thing in.
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             MR. WAX: My understanding is this is the
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    entire document for these.
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             MR. GORDER: I think for these four, Your
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    Honor, that's correct.
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             THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
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    exhibits are received, but not for the truth.
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             687 and 687A are received. 687B, 687C, 687D
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    are received.
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, 688 is completely
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    irrelevant to this case. We're not going to get into, I
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    hope, whether the government is doing bad things to
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    Muslims and that sort of thing. It's just -- secret
    evidence in U.S. courts. I mean, it's totally
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    irrelevant.
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             MR. WAX: The reason, Your Honor, why we
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    disagree is that in terms of the government's theory of
    a conspiracy to defraud the United States, the fact that
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    Mr. Seda and Mr. al-But'he were aware that there was at
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    least a belief that the government was looking
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    exceedingly carefully --
             THE COURT: Yeah. Where was 688A, where did it
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    come from? What was the source of it?
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             MR. WAX: 688A?
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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                      That's one of the recovered e-mails
             MR. WAX:
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    from the computer.
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             THE COURT: It doesn't -- in these others, the
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    government says it was in the computer. Do you agree
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    that it was in the computer?
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             MS. ANDERSON: Let me see.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. GORDER: We think it is, Your Honor.
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THE COURT: All right.
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             MR. GORDER: A lot of exhibits here. It's hard
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    to keep track of them.
             THE COURT: Is that true of 689 and 689A also?
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             MR. WAX: 689 is one where we've had separate
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    discussions of stipulation because it went to a
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    government official. We've been talking with the
    government about the lack of need to bring in officials
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    from the United States government, Israeli government,
    and this is another one that we've been talking about.
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             THE COURT: All right. 688 is not received.
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             689, 689A and 690 are received, but not for
    their truth.
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             The following exhibits are received: 690, 691,
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    691A.
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             MR. WAX: Excuse me, Your Honor, when you said
    received but not for the truth --
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX: -- that would be 688A, 689, and 689A?
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX:
                      Thank you.
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             THE COURT: And the other, 690 and '91 and '91A
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    are received.
             MR. WAX: Thank you.
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             THE COURT: Did 692A and 692B come from the
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    computers?
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             MR. WAX: Yes, Your Honor.
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             MR. CARDANI: Judge, if I may have a moment.
             THE COURT: Yeah, I'm interested in really all
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    of those through --
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             MR. WAX: The photographs --
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             THE COURT: -- 694F.
             MR. WAX: Your Honor, the photographs
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    themselves I do not believe were on the computer.
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    link to the photographs is on the computer.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. CARDANI: Judge, Special Agent Anderson can
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    summarize this if the court wants the background on
    this. It might be helpful.
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             THE COURT: Yes.
             MS. ANDERSON: Your Honor, my understanding of
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    this e-mail is that a link was actually e-mailed, but
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    all the exhibits to that, the 692B, C and all that
    stuff, that wasn't actually on the computer. What it
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    appears the defense has done is gone to this link and
    pulled up a bunch of stuff off of this Web site and put
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    it in as exhibits selectively. Like, if you look at the
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    subject matter, it talks about rape victims, but if you
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    look at the attachments, I don't believe there is
    anything about rape victims. It goes into other stuff
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like Grozny, and, yeah, pretty much the attack on
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    Grozny, and then, you know, children needing food and
    things like that.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, what -- the reason there
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    is a reference to rape victims, this is a reply to an
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    e-mail. It's just part of an e-mail chain where the
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    subject line did not get changed. On 692A, you have the
    link to this photo.
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             THE COURT: Where is it? I'm looking at that
    and looking for the link. Which page is it on?
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             MR. WAX: 692A, the very first page of the
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    e-mail, the top line from Q, you know, bracket, Q@bf.org
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    and then Salam LOOOOK, capitalized.
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             THE COURT: I see it.
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             MR. WAX: And then --
             THE COURT: I see it.
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             MR. WAX:
                       Thank you.
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             THE COURT:
                         So, again, what do we know about
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    whether these items through 694 came from the computers?
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             MR. WAX: 692 and 692A are on the computer.
             THE COURT: Yeah. We talked about that
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    already.
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             MR. WAX: I'm sorry.
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             THE COURT: I said through 694F.
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             MR. WAX: All the e-mails are on the computer,
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    Your Honor.
             THE COURT: These aren't all e-mails. There
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    are some Web pages, Doctors Without Borders, if I'm
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    reading my French correctly.
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             MR. WAX: Those two Web pages, I believe, are
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    not on the computer. I'm double checking. No, Your
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    Honor, the Doctors Without Border Web page, 694E and F,
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    are not on the computer.
             There is an e-mail that we have added at the
    end now that we've obtained where a witness Marla Cates
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    forwarded the U.N. -- no, I take that back. We have
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    added a U.N. page that was actually found in hard copy
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    in the Ashland prayer house. These two were not on the
14
    computer.
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             THE COURT: All right. My rulings are as
    follows: 693C is received. Exhibits 692 through
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    694F -- I'm sorry, through 694D are received but not for
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    their truth.
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             And, of course, I already ruled that 693B was
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    received.
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             694E and 694F are not received.
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             695 and 696 are received.
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             MR. WAX: Excuse me, Your Honor, let me catch
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    up to you. E and F are out?
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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1 MR. WAX: Thank you. 2 THE COURT: Now, how much of this material from 3 697 through 699B were in the computers? MR. WAX: The 697, et cetera, are all either 4 5 from Mr. Seda's computer or some are from Patricia 6 Florin's computer. You'll see a number of the exhibits 7 look the same. And what we've done is to marry up items that Ms. Florin found on her computer that she had 8 9 worked on with items that we found on Mr. Seda's 10 computers. THE COURT: What did she do? 11 12 MR. WAX: Ms. Florin worked for Mr. Seda for 13 roughly nine years. She was a Florin's Flying Fingers Typing Service, and she would type. Sometimes she would 14 There are a number of documents that have 15 16 commentary in them. And she, as we perceived it, fortunately for us, had a very extensive record saved on 17 18 her hard drives. 19 MR. GORDER: Your Honor, I think we're getting 20 into some, you know -- to matters where -- if 21 Mr. Sedaghaty wants to get on the stand and testify as 22 to what he was doing, you know, he's going to be able to 23 do it. But, you know, he can't testify through all of 24 these exhibits. I mean, I'm looking at 698, this is a 25 letter to Catherine -- or a memorandum, unsigned, from

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Catherine Granel from Bilal Abdul Kareem. It seems to
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    me that there is just not an adequate foundation to
    admit it.
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             THE COURT: Okay. Can you identify which ones
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    are on the Florin computer as compared to the
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    defendant's computer?
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             MR. WAX: Yes, we can, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: Make that clarification for me,
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    please.
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             MR. WAX: I need one moment, please.
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             THE COURT: There are -- the government does
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    have some notes in that regard. Do you agree with
    those?
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             MR. WAX: All of the exhibits that are from the
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    Florin computers, Your Honor, should have in the lower
    left-hand corner, for example, 698E, it has a number and
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    the initials PF. That was from her filing system. And
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    it also appears as though, at least for some of them,
    the government has noted Florin document in the chart
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    from which we're working.
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             So I believe the answer, Your Honor, would be
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    if there is no PF notation in the lower left, that is
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    either from the computer in al-Haramain or if it is like
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    698 and has an FPDUS number on it in the lower
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    right-hand corner, that would be a document that was
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found in hard copy in the al-Haramain Ashland offices and provided to the government through the subpoena process in 2003.

THE COURT: Tell me what Marla Cates' role was.

MR. WAX: Marla Cates is a person that

Mr. Sedaghaty had contacted, had been working with, and
she will testify that he contacted her in February, and
asked for any assistance she could provide in locating
an organization through whom he could send humanitarian
supplies to Chechnya. And the e-mails are e-mails that
she sent to him that contained Web links to the United
Nations Web site, to one other Web site. I believe we
have two Marla Cates e-mails. If I'm remembering
correctly, they are not in this series because we
obtained them later -- no, I take that back. We did put
them in this series. 697 is a Marla Cates e-mail. She
is a person who lives in or around Ashland and had
forwarded these Web sites to Mr. Seda.

And then we were able to locate what is an add on, I believe, toward the end, hard copies of some of the Web pages to which she had referred that were found in the al-Haramain offices.

MR. GORDER: Your Honor, just to kind of follow up on the point I'm talking about, 697A is a perfect example of just self-serving hearsay. I mean, it's an

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e-mail of Pete's --
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             THE COURT: I've read it. That's fine.
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             MR. GORDER: -- draft letter.
             MR. WAX: And we submit, of course, it's
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    directly relevant to his state of mind at the time --
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    the critical moment in time.
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             THE COURT: I know the issues here. Let me
    just read them.
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             MR. MATASAR: You can continue. I'm going to
    take a short break, if that's acceptable.
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             THE COURT: Yes. Go ahead.
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             (Brief pause.)
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             THE COURT: Here is the next group. Exhibit
    697 is received. 697A is not received.
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                                              697B is
    received. 698 is not received. 698A is not received.
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    698B is not received. 698C is not received.
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             MR. WAX: Excuse me, Your Honor, 698A that has
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    the Granel e-mail address on the top, and that was
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    recovered from the computers. That is not a Pat Florin
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    document. The reason there is a date in the lower
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    left-hand corner on that, that is when the computer
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    recovery person provided it to us. So that is from the
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    al-Haramain computer with the address line at the top
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    from the al-Haramain computer to Granel. So that is an
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    al-Haramain document. And we had provided the
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government a report from the expert, Mr. Cox, explaining
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    his recovery process.
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             MR. CARDANI: And then when we went to
    follow-up with Catherine Granel, we couldn't find her,
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    locate her, interview her.
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             THE COURT: It's not received.
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             All right. 698A through 698G are not received.
             698H is received.
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             699 is received.
             699A and B are received.
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             700 is received. 700 and 701A are not
    received.
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             702 and 703 are reserved.
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             Now, 704 are the AHIF.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, we had added subsequent
    to that, and I'm not sure whether I have them in my --
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    in this envelope that I was to bring down today or
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    whether the office had gotten them to you last Friday.
    There are additional exhibits, 700A, B, C, and -- 700
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    through 700F.
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             THE COURT: They are in those file folders.
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    They are in several places.
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             MR. WAX: Let me hand up if I could what is in
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    this envelope. I'm not 100 percent sure what it is at
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    this point.
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             MR. GORDER: This is part of 700? Okay.
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    don't seem to have it. I'm not saying you didn't get it
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    to us, but --
             MR. WAX: It would have come last week.
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    Charles, let me see your copy.
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             THE COURT:
                         Yeah. This envelope doesn't have
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    those numbers, but I have them in another pile here.
             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             THE COURT: These are basically a series of
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    press releases?
             MR. WAX: No, Your Honor. The Marla Cates Web
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    site, Mr. Sedaghaty had apparently gone to it. These
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    700A through F are pages that were found in al-Haramain
    building. You'll notice in the lower right-hand corner
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    over the FPDUS number there is an actual date of the
    printing, February 29 on 700A, et cetera. So these are
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    pages after the Marla Cates e-mail, al-Haramain went
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    onto the Web sites to which she had referred, and
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    printed out these pages. These pages were provided to
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    the government in response to the subpoena in 2003.
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             THE COURT: There is 700A through G, have you
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    seen them? I'll hand you these.
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             MR. GORDER: Yes, we have. We've got them.
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             THE COURT: All right. They are received.
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    right. Now --
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MR. WAX: Your Honor, with respect to the receipts 704A and 705 were the receipts of the translations, one of the disclosures we made last week occurred after we located Dr. Jamal who is a Saudi doctor working -- excuse me, studying at OHSU, and he worked at al-Haramain in 2000 through 2003. He provided us copies of receipts that he had received from al-Haramain when he had made donations. Those are added as 1029 or something, perhaps. And his testimony will include review of these two receipts, and say that these are identical in form to receipts that he received. And we will be offering a receipt that he received to match up with these two.

MR. GORDER: Your Honor, if I can address this. Starting with 704, and then there is a long series of documents that purport to be basically business records of the al-Haramain organization in Saudi Arabia, and/or other kind of internal to Saudi Arabia documents, and we vociferously object to introducing these documents without a real authenticating witness that we can cross-examine about them.

This is an organization that was shut down by the Saudi government, has been designated as a special designated global terrorist organization by the United States, and also been designated by the U.N. in similar

process. And we just think that any purported document coming from them requires a real witness. And I don't think somebody who says I worked for them once can authenticate those documents. They have to be somebody who was involved in the organization at the time with these documents.

So we have real problems with them. And we think -- you know, we don't have Saudi Arabian people that we can bring to court. And they are just hearsay at this point.

MR. WAX: Your Honor is also aware that Colonel Lang will be offering his testimony based in part on these description of the SJRC, the relationship between the SJRC and the Saudi government. He is familiar with Saudi governmental operations. And the fact that Dr. Jamal worked there and received receipts, it seems to me, is highly significant. And I think that these receipts with his testimony should be viewed separately.

The other documents are, for the most part,

Saudi government documents, as Colonel Lang has and will

describe al-Haramain, and I believe Mr. Kohlmann says

this as well, al-Haramain was a quasi governmental

organization. And many of these documents are signed by

the prince. I think one of them is signed by the man

who is now the king, et cetera.

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THE COURT: Exhibit 704A through 707C are taken
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    under advisement.
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             713, do you wish to be heard?
             MR. WAX: We've made our points on these. Your
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    Honor, as I said, he's a government official.
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    declaration by a government official, sworn under oath,
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    et cetera.
             THE COURT: Not received.
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             MR. WAX: That was a no?
             THE COURT: Yes. No. Not received.
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             What's the source of 714A?
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             MR. WAX: I believe all of the documents, Your
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    Honor, from this point through 729 are derived from
    sources in Saudi Arabia.
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             THE COURT: Thank you. How did you get them?
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             MR. WAX: Excuse me?
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             THE COURT: How did you get them? Who gave
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    them to you? What's the --
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             MR. WAX: I believe that nearly all were
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    provided to the government by attorneys for al-Haramain
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    in 2004 or '5. And whether that was Mr. Nelson or
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    Ms. Bernabei or a combination, I don't know.
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             Some of the documents were admitted as exhibits
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    or submitted, excuse me, to the OFAC in the designation
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    proceedings. Other of the documents were submitted in
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one or the other of the al-Haramain lawsuits. All
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    derived, you know, from various people in Saudi Arabia.
             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, that's why we object.
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    I mean these documents --
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             THE COURT: I understand.
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             David.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             THE COURT: Exhibits 714A through 729B are not
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    received for lack of foundation.
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             On 730, the government says that the objection
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    is to form. Would you explain that, please.
             MR. GORDER: Yes, Your Honor. It was just that
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    I didn't think it would be appropriate to submit to the
    jury a letter with my signature saying I'm the anti-
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    terrorism coordinator. This is a summary of classified
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    evidence.
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             But it's my understanding they've withdrawn --
    we're prepared to stipulate to the summary in its
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    entirety if they want. If they don't -- I mean, it's up
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    to them.
             MR. WAX: At this time, Your Honor, we would
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    not be offering it. We've pointed out what we believe
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    needs to be done.
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             THE COURT: That's fine. Not received.
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             The following exhibits are received: 731.
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732 through 747 are reserved.
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             748 through 754.43193 are received.
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             Up to 754.43219.
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             MR. WAX: May I get Mr. Matasar back in to
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    speak to that one, Your Honor?
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX: Excuse me, Your Honor.
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             (Brief pause.)
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             MR. MATASAR: Your Honor, we just submitted all
    the correspondence between the IRS and al-Haramain for
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    completeness. Sorry.
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             THE COURT: That's not received.
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             754.43220, it would probably get the same
    ruling, but it's not in my book, so.
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             MR. CARDANI: Yes, Judge, this is 2004 --
             MR. MATASAR: February 9, 2004.
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             THE COURT: It's not received. But I will tell
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    you, I haven't received it. I'm not receiving it
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    because of the year. If you want to look at it, give me
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    a copy of it.
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             MR. MATASAR: Your Honor, I think we're okay.
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    We won't be complaining about that.
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             THE COURT: Okay. Well, that's good sport, and
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    that's fair to complain about what I do.
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             Now, 754.43238 through 755 -- so, no, I'm
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    sorry, yes, 755.6 are received.
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             The government says it does not have a 755.7.
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    And neither do I.
             MR. WAX: We do.
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             THE COURT: Good. I have a paper that says the
    number and TBD.
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             MR. MATASAR: Your Honor, this is the audit
    trail, which is part of --
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             THE COURT: I have it in a separate pile lying
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    over here. The audit trail. All right. Does the
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    government have it now?
             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. MATASAR: The government says there is some
    extraneous writing on the top of the first page.
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    think we can agree to remove that.
             THE COURT: Mine says Tom to Pete.
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             MR. MATASAR: Correct.
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             MS. ANDERSON: In actuality this came from an
    e-mail so it's not complete in and of itself.
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             MR. WAX: I think, Your Honor, the notation is
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    something that happened within our office when we --
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    after we had printed it.
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             MR. CARDANI: So we have no objection to this
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    if that editorial in the upper right is removed.
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             THE COURT: Give us a clean page on the
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    original exhibit. And that exhibit, 755.7, is received.
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             756.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, there is also a 755.8,
    financial statement transaction, QuickBooks audit
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    report.
             THE COURT: Yeah. It's not in the government's
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    list, but I find it in one of these separate file
    folders. Any objection to that?
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             MR. CARDANI: If we can have a moment, Your
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    Honor.
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             THE COURT: We'll take a short break.
             (Recess: 10:30 until 10:37 a.m.)
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             THE COURT: Exhibit 756.
             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, with regard to 755.8,
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    which was a long spreadsheet --
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. GORDER: -- we just got that late last week
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    and we need to analyze it, so we'd ask you to reserve on
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    that.
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             THE COURT: That's fine. It looks like it's
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    probably admissible to me, frankly, but I'll take it
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    under advisement so you have a chance to read it.
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             756.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, are you waiting for us or
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    for the government?
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THE COURT: I'm waiting for the government.
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    would like to know what their objection is.
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, this is just another
    in a series of these e-mails. If -- you know, if
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    Ms. Katkhouda comes, I quess she could authenticate it,
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    or I guess if the defendant testifies, he could. But it
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    is in the computer.
             THE COURT: It's received, but not for its
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    truth.
             The following exhibits are received: 759
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    through 761.
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             762 is received but not for its truth.
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             763 through 800 are reserved.
             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, this recipient, Raya
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    Shokatfard, I guess, she's on the defendant's witness
    list, so if she's going to testify, maybe she can
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    authenticate this.
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             THE COURT: What's the source of 802?
             MR. WAX: It was one of the documents found
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    that was in the al-Haramain prayer house that was
    provided in response to the subpoena.
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             THE COURT: This is off the record.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, I just want to, as you
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    are making your rulings, keep in mind now we're getting
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into letters and things about subjects other than
Chechnya or Kosovo. And, again, it's unsigned,
self-serving hearsay.
         MR. WAX: There are clearly distinctions among
these, Your Honor. A few of them are directed from
Mr. Seda to al-Haramain Saudi to Sheikh Ageel.
         THE COURT: Yes. Can you point those out to
me?
         MR. WAX: Yes. 804C, 805B, 806 -- and clearly
801 is really not part of this series. I mean, the 802
through 826 are the series of letters, some of which are
from Mr. -- the al-Haramain computer, some are from
Ms. Florin's computer. 801 is of apiece of many of the
e-mails that you've received already.
         And, Your Honor, there are also a few in here
that are to or from, you know, some of the government
officials where, our understanding is, the government
will not be objecting, and we will be having some
stipulations.
         THE COURT: Is that true about 810?
         MR. WAX: Yes. I believe it should be true
with respect to 810, 809, 810A.
         THE COURT: 809 -- okay.
         MR. GORDER: So, for example, with 810, Your
Honor, we object to the introduction of the exhibit.
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doesn't need to bring in Colin Powell to say that it got
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    to the State Department, if you overrule -- otherwise
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    overrule our objection, but we do object to the exhibit.
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             THE COURT: All right. Exhibits 828 through
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    853 are not received.
             854 and 855 are taken under advisement.
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             856 through 909B are not received.
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             David, can you help me find the next group.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
             THE COURT: Is there a 909C?
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             MR. WAX: There is, Your Honor. 909C is
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    another letter to OFAC.
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             THE COURT: Okay. It's not in my book. What
    is it about?
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             MR. WAX: He's seeking an application from OFAC
    for a convoy through Iran to distribute food in
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    Afghanistan.
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             THE COURT: That is not received.
             MR. WAX: Your Honor, we did not hear, I don't
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    think, a ruling on 801 through 826.
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             THE COURT: All right. 801 is under
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    advisement.
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             802 is received, not for its truth.
             803A is received. 803B is received. 803C is
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    received.
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Now, all of these things that are written
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    material are hearsay, if you offer them for their truth.
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    argue that these are in for the truth. These are --
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    they are some of the records that are there, all right?
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             803D is received. 803E is received. 803F is
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    received.
             804A is not received. And the entire 804
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    series is not received.
             MR. WAX: Including the 804C, Your Honor,
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    because that is not to a community person?
             THE COURT: Yes, including that.
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             805 through 826 are not received.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, just so that I've brought
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    it to your attention, 813 is in the very time frame when
    the tax return is being prepared, and is six or
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    seven days before the government alleges there was a
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    meeting between Mr. Seda and Mr. Wilcox, and three days
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    after his meeting with Agent Boyer.
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             THE COURT: I'll let you have 813. It's
    received.
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                      Thank you.
             MR. WAX:
             THE COURT: 910 and 911 are not received.
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             925 is received.
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             Exhibits 926 through 1001 are not received.
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1 Exhibit 1002 is received. 2 MR. WAX: Judge, may I make a comment, please, 3 about 966 and 967? THE COURT: You may. 4 MR. WAX: We anticipate that there will be 5 6 testimony from Mr. Gartenstein-Ross along the lines of 7 his book, to a certain extent, about the alleged radical nature of activities in al-Haramain Ashland. And among 8 9 the issues that will come up, these exhibits, 967 and 968, are relevant. 10 11 THE COURT: Can that witness identify 968? 12 MR. WAX: Excuse me, 966 and 967, I'm sorry, 13 the photograph in 966 and the photograph in 967 go together, Your Honor. Well, they don't go together but 14 15 they illustrate the same point. With respect to the nature of the activities at the prayer house and issues 16 that arose with respect to that. 17 18 THE COURT: Can the witness identify 967? 19 MR. WAX: I have not had the opportunity to 20 speak with him. I do not know. I am confident that he 21 will say he attended sessions similar to that, and he is aware that similar sessions occurred while he was there 22 23 in 1999. And the teacher, Bill Gabriel, will be able to 24 identify the photograph that is in 966. If I understand 25 correctly, that was his class. And if that was not his

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class, I know that he has been there with his class, and
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    similar photographs either may or may not have been
    taken.
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             THE COURT: 967, the ruling is changed to under
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    advisement.
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             On 966, if you can find the photograph or get a
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    copy of that, fine, but not the newspaper page.
             MR. WAX: Would we be able to cut the
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    photograph -- I don't know if we have the original
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    photograph, we can certainly excise it.
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             THE COURT: Yes, yes.
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             MR. WAX: Thank you.
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             THE COURT: All right. Now, 1002A and B, have
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    those been produced?
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             MR. GORDER: Yes, we received those. We first
    saw them yesterday. We may have gotten them on Tuesday,
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    Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: I haven't seen them, so what are
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    they?
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             MR. GORDER: 1002A is a bunch of videos of Pete
    Seda giving speeches or television interviews. You
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    know, it's him testifying without taking the oath or
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    being subject to cross-examination.
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             THE COURT: 1002B.
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             MR. GORDER: That's 1002A.
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THE COURT: Yes. 1 2 MR. GORDER: 1002B has some of Pete talking 3 about Chechnya, some of -- some CNN reports of Chechnya, 4 and a press conference that Madeleine Albright and I think the Russian foreign minister are giving about 5 their meeting in the late 1990s. 6 7 THE COURT: Do I have them? MR. WAX: You should, Your Honor. They may 8 9 have been what was in the envelope that I brought down today. I'm advised that the court should have them and 10 11 hopefully --12 THE COURT: They are not. 13 MR. WAX: -- you do. They are not? 14 THE COURT: Well, what do they look like? 15 MR. WAX: CDs, DVDs. THE COURT: Nope. I'll take them under 16 17 advisement. You better give them to me so I can watch 18 them. 19 MR. WAX: We will do that. If I can explain 20 the origin, the government is introducing the two tapes that are the subject of our objection because they are 21 22 old, et cetera. Those two tapes were part of a 23 collection of roughly 400 tapes, CDs, et cetera, that 24 were seized by the government. All of the content on the two CDs is excerpts from tapes that were found on 25

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    the premises.
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             THE COURT: I'll look at them when I get them.
             1003 says to be created.
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             MR. WAX: I don't anticipate there will be such
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                 It does not appear at this point as though
    an exhibit.
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    the Prisoner Project is going to be an issue in the
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    government's case.
             THE COURT: It's not received then.
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             The following exhibits are received:
    1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013,
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    1014, 1015.
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             Numbers 1016 through 1023 are reserved.
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             Okay. Mr. Baker. 1024 is the next one we
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           Any ideas? Oh, here we go. 1024, this reminds
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    me of the movie that involved a place called the Sack of
    Suds. Are you familiar with that movie?
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             MR. GORDER:
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             MR. CARDANI:
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             THE COURT: You are not?
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             MR. CARDANI:
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             THE COURT: Joe Pesci plays a defense lawyer in
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    this movie. You need to go watch it. And he says are
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    you saying you could see through all that shrubbery
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    through that dirty window over to the Sack of Suds?
    you said these two youths got in that Plymouth. Anyway,
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you'll have to watch it yourself. It's a great, great
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    movie.
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             MR. CARDANI: Wrong movie. My Cousin Vinny was
    the name of it.
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             THE COURT: My Cousin Vinny.
             MR. CARDANI: We have seen that one.
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             THE COURT: Okay.
             MR. WAX: Well, there is a camera in the
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    bushes, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: There is a camera in the bushes,
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    all right. That's fine. That is received.
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             Then the -- says photograph of wire. Is that
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    wire going to the camera?
             MR. WAX: That is wire left over. That wire
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    photograph was taken by our investigator in Medford when
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    he went out to the site a year or so ago, and he found
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    wire.
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             THE COURT: Is he going to testify?
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             MR. WAX: That would be the plan, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: All right.
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: Yeah.
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             MR. GORDER: I really question the relevance of
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    this. I mean, there is a camera in the bushes.
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             THE COURT: Well, let's see what he can tie up.
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But if he's going to testify, that's fine.
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             All right. And then President Bush's picture,
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    why is that relevant?
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             MR. MATASAR: Your Honor, in the release
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    hearing the way the case went -- and I expect it's going
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    to go the same here -- the government will show that a
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    lot of the material that was provided by al-Haramain was
    incendiary, including this Noble Qur'an, one of their
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    elements of their case is they are giving away a Noble
    Qur'an, this has a call to jihad in it, this is a bad
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    thing. We will produce evidence that the Noble Qur'an
    is the official version of the Qur'an of the Saudi
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    government. And I think, therefore, it makes sense for
    us also to be able to show the links between the Saudi
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    government and the United States government. That's the
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    purpose of this.
             THE COURT: Very creative argument. The
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    exhibit is not received.
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             MR. MATASAR: Great photo, too.
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             THE COURT: It's a great photo. And it's the
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    same president who could read Mr. Putin's heart. Are
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    you going to offer that, too?
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             MR. MATASAR: No, we are not.
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             THE COURT: All right.
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             MR. MATASAR: That's the government's part of
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    the case. They were closer to Mr. Putin's heart than we
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    were in this case.
             MR. WAX: And not on the spreadsheet, Your
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    Honor, there are a few more exhibits. Hopefully, you
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    have them all in manila folders.
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             THE COURT:
                         1027.
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             MR. WAX: Yes. Those are the receipts provided
    to us by Dr. Jamal. And he will testify about them and
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    identify them at the trial.
             THE COURT: All right. Any objection?
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             MR. GORDER: We object on the grounds of
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    relevance, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: 1027 are received.
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             Now, there is a disc in 1028.
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             MR. WAX: That is the video that Dr. Jamal
    provided. He put on a conference in -- I forget which
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    year, I'm sorry, but it was a conference about the work
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    in Kosovo. And it is a conference, as I said, he put it
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    on, and he provided that video to us. It is, you know,
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    describing the work of al-Haramain, humanitarian work in
    Kosovo, Albania in 1999. The very same issue the
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    government is injecting through the $2,000 check.
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    say it went -- they say al-Haramain is doing dirty work,
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    and Dr. Jamal says I put on the conference, here is what
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    al-Haramain was, in fact, doing, and here is my proof.
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MR. GORDER: Your Honor, the video is, I think,
about 12 minutes long. It's a -- appears to be a
professionally produced thing, not just something --
         THE COURT: I'll look at it.
         MR. GORDER: It's all in Arabic. I'll ask if
there is a translation because I don't speak Arabic.
         MR. WAX: Well, we have had Dr. Sbait working
feverishly since we got it. I don't have a transcript,
but you can call Dr. Sbait and he can fill you in on
what we've got.
         THE COURT: Certainly without a translation it
won't be admissible, and I doubt that it's going to be,
but I'll look at it.
         Okay. Now, government's exhibits.
         MR. WAX: Your Honor, we have two more. You
should have a 1029 and a 1030. 1029 is a list of the
documents --
         THE COURT: Those are what are in your
envelope.
         MR. WAX: Oh, good. Something arrived. That's
a list of documents prepared by Patricia Florin.
received documents on her computer and the documents
that we had marked as exhibits, and this is the
compilation of what she was able to say she had on her
computer in one form or another.
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             THE COURT: On her computer?
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             MR. WAX: Yes.
                             Remember, we have -- some of
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    the exhibits that we had marked were from her computer,
    and this is a list of those items that were on the
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    al-Haramain computers or hard copy from al-Haramain that
    she also had on her computer.
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             MR. GORDER: Your Honor, I apologize if we've
    got this one, I haven't seen it.
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             THE COURT: Yeah.
                                Okay.
             MR. GORDER: And so I'd ask you to reserve.
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             THE COURT: Under advisement. You can look at
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    it.
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             MR. GORDER: And what's 1030?
             MR. WAX: 1030 is the Chase deposit ticket that
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    you had offered at one point and then withdrawn.
             MR. GORDER: No objection.
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             THE COURT: Excuse me?
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             MR. GORDER: 1030, we don't object to.
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             THE COURT: It's received. All right.
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             Now, I have a document called government's
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    second amended exhibit list. Is that your up-to-date
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    version?
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             MR. CARDANI: The one I just proffered to
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    you -- to the court is the third amended exhibit list.
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             THE COURT: This one was filed 5/7, so that's
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    probably not --
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             MR. CARDANI: It's the one we just tendered to
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    the court earlier today.
             THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Let me find
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    it here. Yes, I have it. We just need a little more
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             Now, I made some rulings on July 27th on some
    AHIF exhibits. Have you filed any objections to these
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    other exhibits, Mr. Wax?
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             MR. WAX: May I have a moment?
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             THE COURT: You may.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, I think that the
    objection material that we have filed since the -- in
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    the last several months, relates to the bank records and
    the reciprocity issue. It relates to the -- some of the
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    404(b) material. And we have an objection to the -- one
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    of the items that we were just handed this morning, the
    photograph of al-Sayf. I mean, I just -- I don't get
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    it, how that could possibly go to the jury.
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             THE COURT: What is the number?
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             MR. WAX: It is EK-9. He can testify
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    apparently about al-Sayf but why on earth the
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    jury should see --
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             THE COURT: EK-9?
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             MR. WAX: Correct. It's in the material they
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    provided this morning.
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             THE COURT: All right. Counsel, EK-9.
             MR. GORDER: Yes, Your Honor, in Mr. Kohlmann's
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    testimony when he's describing the leadership of the
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    mujahideen in Chechnya at this Caucasus Institute or
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    Kavkaz Institute, this is the guy that kind of ran the
    camp. And we'll have evidence that al-Haramain's Web
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    site publicized that they were supporting the camp. And
    additionally, with Exhibit 730, if we get back into
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    that, he's the person that's mentioned that money was to
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    be delivered to, so.
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             MR. WAX: I don't see how that enables them to
    present something to the jury that is so inflammatory.
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             THE COURT: All right. As I said earlier,
    Exhibit SW-1 is under advisement. I've ruled -- I've
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    made rulings on the other bank records and so on.
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    other exhibits are received on the government's third
    amended exhibit list.
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             What else do we have this morning, fellas?
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             MR. WAX: I don't believe, Your Honor, that you
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    had ruled on AHIF 5 through 7. You had reserved on
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    those previously.
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             THE COURT: You are right. They aren't on the
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    list. Do you still want to offer them or not?
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             MR. CARDANI: Yes.
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    list?
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             THE COURT: No. You go from AHIF 3 to 8.
             MR. CARDANI: Yeah, we took them off just
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    because they hadn't been ruled in. Yes.
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    fairly innocuous documents, not offered for the truth,
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    but they are documents that were found in al-Haramain
    showing that the defendant was aware of the details of
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    the Springfield building. We do offer them.
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             THE COURT: All right.
                                     Mr. Baker.
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             MR. WAX: Your Honor, I don't believe that -- I
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    believe the reason you reserved is that there was no
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    proof that they had come from al-Haramain Ashland. And
    in the absence of that proof, I think that the
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    government does not have a foundation. There can be --
             THE COURT: Where were they obtained?
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             MR. WAX: I believe those are part of what is
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    being called the batch two that had come from Saudi
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    Arabia.
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             MR. GORDER: No, I don't think so.
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             MR. WAX: Yeah, no, Ms. Anderson is agreeing.
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    I think that's where we were at in terms of their
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    origin.
            They are from the al-Haramain Saudi office.
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             THE COURT: I remember now.
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             MS. ANDERSON: They are from the Saudi office.
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MR. CARDANI: We'll withdraw 5, 6, and 7, Your
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    Honor.
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             THE COURT: Thank you.
             MS. ANDERSON: What about 4?
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             MR. CARDANI: So just to be clear, the search
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    warrant series of exhibits, with the exception of 1, are
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    all received?
             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX: And what about EK-9, Your Honor, I'm
    sorry, I didn't track your ruling on that photograph?
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             THE COURT: It will be received.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             MR. CARDANI: Are you in the middle of
    something, Judge, or can I talk?
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             THE COURT: Yes, you can talk.
             MR. CARDANI: BOA-6 we would like to talk
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    about. You initially ruled in August that BOA-6 was
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    proper 404(b) evidence, and this is the check for $2,060
    to Daveed Gartenstein-Ross. And it's listed as "Power
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    Mac." And today I heard you had reconsidered that.
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             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. CARDANI: I'd like to just take one more
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    shot on that. We -- this is part of a story, and we
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    thought it was admissible so we were all ready to go on
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    it. This witness, if allowed to testify, will talk
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about this check issued to him by the defendant.
for salary. They put down "Power Mac" as a computer
purchase, so the inference there you wouldn't have to
pay tax -- payroll taxes on it.
         THE COURT: Right.
         MR. CARDANI: We also have testimony from the
accountant, Wilcox, who will say that he asked the
defendant about this particular check, and he also
affirmed that this was for a computer purchase, his own
accountant. So the lie, in our view, to the accountant
makes this particularly relevant 404(b) evidence.
we would ask once again that -- we thought you got it
right at the August order.
         THE COURT: I decided -- it's evidence of
cheating on taxes, and -- but I thought I finally --
well, as I thought about it, I decided it just tipped
over to the other side of the line. So not on your
direct case. I can think of lots of ways it can become
admissible depending on what various witnesses say.
         MR. CARDANI: You won.
         MR. WAX: I wasn't going to speak to that
issue.
         MR. CARDANI: All right. So just to be clear,
other than the very few exhibits we've just talked
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about, all the governments exhibits have been received?

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THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. CARDANI: Okay. Okay. Great.
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             THE COURT: Frankly, I expect that AS-1 (sic)
    to be received also if it's as you described it, but I
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    need to see it first.
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             MR. WAX: The same is true with respect to the
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    defense exhibits that you said received?
             THE COURT: Yes.
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             MR. WAX: Now, with respect to those that you
    did not accept, in the event that Mr. Seda testifies, I
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    assume that the hearsay and foundation issues will
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    evaporate.
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             THE COURT: That's true for many of them.
    However, there are a large number that I think are
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    really far afield.
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             MR. WAX: I understand and appreciate that.
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             THE COURT: You know.
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             MR. WAX: I'm interested in the Chechnya,
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    Kosovo, those things.
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             THE COURT: Yeah, I'm not -- Somalia, you know.
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             MR. WAX: Well, their pattern of Kosovo and our
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    pattern of Palestine --
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             THE COURT: Okay. I don't think we're going to
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    have testimony about trucks rolling into Gaza.
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             MR. CARDANI: Judge, we included a few new
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exhibits this morning.
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             THE COURT: Yes.
             MR. CARDANI: And I don't know if we need to
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    have discussions with Mr. Wax on these.
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             THE COURT: I asked them if there were
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    objections. I didn't hear any. They are received.
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             MR. CARDANI: With the exception of that
    picture of Mr. --
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             MS. ANDERSON: They were received.
             MR. CARDANI: Okay. So they are all received.
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             (Discussion held off the record.)
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             THE COURT: Nothing else? All right. Well,
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    it's a little tedious, but hopefully it saves us time
    next week.
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             We are going to keep the pedal down, fellas,
    when we start the trial, so it's going to be -- we'll
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    all be tired, and you'll be upset with me when it's over
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    and all that normal stuff, okay.
             MR. WAX: We're laying in large supplies of
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    yogurt at the motel.
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             THE COURT: There is a chance I will recess
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    early on the Friday because I have about 100 people
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    coming to a tailgate party the next day.
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             MR. WAX: In terms of our witnesses --
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             THE COURT: I'll let you know.
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                       Yeah. We were planning on bringing
             MR. WAX:
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    in an out-of-towner or two for Friday so.
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             THE COURT: Let's see how we go.
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    telling you in advance that I'm going to be watching.
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    Depends how we get this thing kicked off. Sometimes it
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    takes a little while to get the pace.
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             MR. MATASAR: We know it's a race, Your Honor.
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    We're embracing the analogy, because there are rules.
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    You know basically how long it's going to take.
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    are a lot of good things about the race analogy.
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             THE COURT:
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              (The proceedings were concluded at 11:51 a.m.)
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